

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Session to receive a message from the President of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 462–477, S.J. Res. 25, and S. Res. 71–73. **Page S1500–01**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 62, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, and October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

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Venezuela: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 35, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, including free and fair elections, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Rare Disease Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, designating February 28, 2017, as “Rare Disease Day”.

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Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, be discharged from the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting an address by the President delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 28, 2017; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–2)

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Zinke Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2017; that following Leader remarks there be 20 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to the vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by up to 10 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., time be counted as if invoked at 1 a.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

David J. Arroyo, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Mary Ellen Barbera, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Christopher James Brummer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Rebecca Emily Rapp, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Robert P. Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Chase Rogers, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Brian D. Quintenz, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2020, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Andrew F. Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Secretary of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2017.

Glenn Fine, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Brent Franklin Nelsen, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2022, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Michael P. Leary, of Pennsylvania, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Elizabeth A. Field, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2017.

Wilfredo Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2017.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2018, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Jason E. Kearns, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2024, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, which was sent to the Senate on January 17, 2017.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1507.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ AFTER MOSUL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq after Mosul, after receiving testimony from Michael Knights, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Boston, Massachusetts; and

Hardin Lang, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system, after receiving testimony from Dave Kuker, Iowa Department of Human Rights Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Program Juvenile Justice Specialist, Des Moines; Yasmin Vafa, Rights4Girls, and Jake Horowitz, The Pew Charitable Trusts, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jinique Blyden, PACE Center for Girls Inc., Jacksonville, Florida.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Saxby Chambliss, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1238–1264; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 30–31; and H. Res. 157–159, were introduced. **Pages H1391–93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1393–94**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 156, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1004) to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1009) to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–21); and

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2017 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 115–22). **Page H1391**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jody B. Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1359**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1361**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Harvey Klee, American Legion National Chaplain, Bluffton, TX. **Page H1361**

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of

Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Swezey, U.S. Air Force, Retired, of Franklin, Wisconsin. **Page H1368**

Recess: The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 1:46 p.m. **Page H1368**

Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 998, to provide for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 1st. **Pages H1363–85**

Agreed to:

Cummings amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that provides that a Commission member must not have been a registered lobbyist during the two-year period prior and must file financial disclosure reports in accordance with the Ethics in Government Act; **Pages H1376–77**

McSally amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that expands the scope of the nature of the Retrospective Regulatory Review Commission's review to ensure a rule or set of rules is compliant with certain provisions of the Congressional Review Act; and **Pages H1378–79**

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that requires the consideration of impacts to public health prior to repealing any federal rules under the bill (by a recorded vote of 348 ayes to 75 noes, Roll No. 105). **Pages H1377–78, H1383**

Rejected:

McNerney amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that sought to exempt from the bill rules relating to the physical and cyber security of the bulk-power system; **Page H1381**

Plaskett amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that sought to provide that no funding will be authorized to carry out the requirements of this Act (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 106);

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Krishnamoorthi amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that sought to ensure that the SCRUB Act will not in any way hinder the safe and legal development and deployment of unmanned aerial systems (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 107); and

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Krishnamoorthi amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–20) that sought to ensure that the SCRUB Act will not in any way weaken the protections afforded by noise restriction policies at and around airports (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 108).

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H. Res. 150, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 998) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 104, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 103.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

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President Trump's Address to the Joint Session of Congress: President Donald J. Trump delivered a message to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 23. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives McCarthy, Scalise, McMorris Rodgers, Stivers, Messer, Collins (GA), Smith (MO), Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Crowley, Sánchez, Ben Ray Lujan (NM), and Swalwell (CA) and Senators McConnell, Cornyn, Hatch, Thune, Barrasso, Blunt, Gardner, Schumer, Durbin, Murray, Leahy, Stabenow, Klobuchar, and Manchin. The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 115–1).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1368.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1369, H1369–70, H1383, H1383–85, H1384–85, and H1385. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NEXT FARM BILL: CONSERVATION POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: Conservation Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE NEXT FARM BILL: INTERNATIONAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “The Next Farm Bill: International Market Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Farm Credit Administration. Testimony was heard from Dallas P. Tonsager, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and Jeffery S. Hall, Member of the Board, Farm Credit Administration.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Members' Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Biggs, Cicilline, Cohen, Costa, Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Dingell, Donovan, Faso, Fitzpatrick, Graves of Missouri, Jackson Lee, Knight, Larson of Connecticut, Meehan, Moore, Panetta, Pascrell, Pittenger, Poe of Texas, Polis, Posey, Reichert, and Schneider.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Members' Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Chaffetz, and Representatives Adams, Cleaver, Gosar, Higgins of New York, Jackson Lee, LaMalfa, Panetta, Plaskett, Posey, Price of North Carolina, Radewagen, Francis Rooney of Florida, Sewell of Alabama, Slaughter, Thompson of Pennsylvania, and Westerman.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT “INVESTIGATION ON ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO USCENCOM INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS”

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Inspector General Report ‘Investigation on Allegations Relating to USCENCOM Intelligence Products’”. Testimony

was heard from Glenn Fine, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; Major General James Marrs, Director, Intelligence, Joint Staff; Major General Mark Quantock, Director, Intelligence, U.S. Central Command; Jacques Grimes, Director, Defense Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary of Intelligence; and Neil Wiley, Director, Defense Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency.

PROVIDING MORE STUDENTS A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS BY STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Providing More Students a Pathway to Success by Strengthening Career and Technical Education”. Testimony was heard from Janet Goble, Director of Career and Technical Education, Canyons School District, Sandy, Utah; and public witnesses.

WAYS TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DOPING SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Ways to Improve and Strengthen the International Anti-Doping System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on the committee’s views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2018; and a motion to authorize the release of excerpts, with certain redactions, of the transcript of the deposition of Patrick Pinschmidt. The committee adopted its views and estimates on the budget for fiscal year 2018 and voted in favor of releasing the excerpts, with certain redactions, of the transcript of the deposition of Patrick Pinschmidt.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Issues and Opportunities in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHECKING CHINA’S MARITIME PUSH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Checking China’s Maritime Push”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF COUNTERTERRORISM: ADDRESSING THE EVOLVING THREAT TO DOMESTIC SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “The Future of Counterterrorism: Addressing the Evolving Threat to Domestic Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF FEMA: RECOMMENDATIONS OF FORMER ADMINISTRATORS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “The Future of FEMA: Recommendations of Former Administrators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 372, the “Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 1215, the “Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 111, directing the Attorney General to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the financial practices of the President. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 372, H.R. 1215, and H. Res. 111.

OIRA INSIGHT, REFORM, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; REGULATORY INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1009, the “OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act”; and H.R. 1004, the “Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1004. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion

to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 1009. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–4 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mitchell and Conolly.

AT WHAT COST? EXAMINING THE SOCIAL COST OF CARBON

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Oversight, held a joint hearing entitled “At What Cost? Examining the Social Cost of Carbon”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget views and estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H.R. 1214, the “Disaster Simplified Assistance Value Enhancement Act”; H.R. 654, the “Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2017”; H.R. 1174, the “Fairness for Breast Feeding Mothers Act of 2017”; H.R. 1117, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster; H.R. 375, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 719 Church Street in Nashville, Tennessee, as the “Fred D. Thompson Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. The committee adopted its Fiscal Year 2018

budget views and estimates and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 654 and H.R. 1117 were ordered reported, as amended. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1214, H.R. 1174, and H.R. 375.

Joint Meetings

DAV LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from David W. Riley, Disabled American Veterans, Mobile, Alabama.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on global counterterrorism, 10:15 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine improving access to infrastructure for communities across the country, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine flood control infrastructure, focusing on safety questions raised by current events, 10:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Seema Verma, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, 10:30 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the effects of border insecurity and immigration enforcement on American communities, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Charles R. Breyer, of California, and Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, each to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, S. 419, to require adequate reporting on the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits program, and committee rules of procedure for the 115th Congress, 10:45 a.m., S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on the budget views and estimates letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for fiscal year 2018, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 9:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing entitled “Members’ Day”, 10 a.m., 2358–B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cyber Warfare in the 21st Century: Threats, Challenges and Opportunities”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “U.S. Ground Force Capability and Modernization Challenges in Eastern Europe”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Improve Health Care Coverage and Provide Lower Costs for Families”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn. A portion of this hearing will be closed.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled “Modernizing West-

ern Water and Power Infrastructure in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy and Environment; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, joint hearing entitled “Examining Environmental Barriers to Infrastructure Development”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “VA: Path to Reform”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on the “NIST Cybersecurity Framework, Assessment, and Auditing Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on the committee’s budget views and estimates for Fiscal Year 2018, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: State of American Airports”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, of Montana, to be Secretary of the Interior, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Ryan Zinke, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 998—Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act. Consideration of H.J. Res. 83—Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness”. Consideration of H.R. 1009—OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act (Subject to a Rule).

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